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the past 400 years and America owes far more than she knows to the efforts of the Illuminati and kindred Assemblies in the establishing of her nationhood.

JES: Can you tell me if there will be another war and who will it be between and who will win?

NS: Over the past 15 years the nations of the world have been saturating the mental level with greed, selfishness and fear, these forces havenow moved into the emotional region making for the unrest which is manifesting in various countries of the globe and should manifest as a hot war about 1963-4. This has been accentuated by the personal selfishness of the people, they have grabbed everything and have not returned anything of themselves. In the religious, occult, social and national life we see this attitude of demanding everything for themselves without any thought of giving something in return, by this attitude, mankind has created a vacuum and the balance of nature has been tipped towards the Evil Ones, naturally the Evil Ones have taken advantage of this vacuum caused by people. Students of Light should be the first to set an example to the rest of the people, by giving everything without expecting a return, they should support their spiritual centre to the limit in order to give it the faculties to take its place beside the Lords of Light who are combating the spread of the Lords of Darkness. This attitude has been amplified by the majority of students, they enter a society for the sole purpose of getting all they can out of it, not realising that by this action they are depleting the power of the society and that

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Dear Reader:

There is considerable speculation as to what will happen when five of the major planets - Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn will enter the 19th degree arc of the Zodiac, which is called Aquarius - together with the Sun and the Moon.

This could be termed the "crossroads" in man's natural history. Man has two choices before him, either he will wake up in time and work with this conjunction which will lead him out of a world of chaos into an era of peace and prosperity, or he will continue as he is going and enter into a very dark period of another global war.

The real answer to this situation lies in the Doctrine of the Cycles. In 577-574 B.C., we found that three planets were in conjunction and the Lord Buddha was born and again in 10 B.C. to A.D. 30, when we are told the Lord Christ descended on earth. Now we have come to yet a larger curve of the spiral of evolution when the first 5000 years of the Iron or Dark Age has been completed, we are now entering into the 2nd decan of this Dark Age. Mankind is facing a fateful period and he will have to choose between peace or war - Light or Darkness. -The Editor.

THE ARCANE DISCIPLINE

We have all at one time or another asked ourselves this pertinent question: "What is the reason for studying the Arcane Knowledge of God?" We well know this feeling since for 25 years now we have been studying and striving to reach the Goal of this Wisdom and never seemed to make any progress. We wandered from one system to another, like a man caught in the darkness and it was only when we stopped striving and studying in the intellectual method that we placed our foot on the first rung of the Ladder which leads to Attainment.

Slowly, but ever so slowly, it dawned upon our consciousness that we were on the wrong road to Attainment, we realised that we were going away from it and our distress became more and more acute until we reached a point where we gave up the search and study and remained still. We found that once we stopped striving, the Light of Ourselves began to show as a glimmer in the darkness, very small at first, but as we let go this Light became stronger, the mental faculties began to deepen and a calmness stole over us, this was due to the fact that we stopped striving, it would seem that we stopped in the midst of time, we allowed the world to pass us by, in this stillness great strength stole over us, and we heard the VOICE in this stillness of life and when the Voice bade us to move into the whirlpool of existence again we found that we were ahead of our brothers and began to know the Light.

We now realise that it was only when we stopped striving, seeking and filling our mind with facts and figures, when we emptied our mind of all external ideas and directed our whole human energies within ourselves, that this sense of surety became definite and the Light began to

manifest.

It would appear that once you cease to become subject to the time-space and movement qualities of life there is a standing still, you are no longer bound by their powers, but you begin to use them and mould them to do your bidding. This does not mean to say that one must ignore the time-space-movement conditions of life, far from it, but instead of being harassed by them you become their master and if this attitude is adopted towards all conditions of life, then you will find that age, sickness, etc., will fade from your consciousness and you will enter into a sense of freedom.

This time-space-movement sequence of life is simply the RHYTHM of Nature and its movement moves us towards its Goal, but if we try to force this sequence we will wear out the body far too quickly and it is this break-down of the human organism which will bring on sin, sickness and premature death, therefore, we must learn to use these time sequences for our own welfare and not let them rule us.

Now this time-space-movement sequence also applies to our study of Life, Life is nature and Life and Nature is GOD, this means that God is above and beyond these time sequences, yet at the same time they are the results of God in Being. This means, in effect, that we and God are here and now, if we accept this premise, then Progress and Attainment is already fulfilled here and now.

In order to understand this more fully we must realise that God is already PERFECTION ETERNALLY, therefore, we as MAN are also Perfection Eternally, meaning in effect that even as you read this article you are already perfected whilst

still in the mortal body. Does this strike you as being strange? Surely not! God being Perfect, His creation is, therefore, also perfect here and now. The sequences of time-space-movement, however, make it appear to us, as humans, to be the opposite, we see ourselves as being imperfect but this is not really so, it becomes apparently so when we use the senses of the body. It is when we withdraw our consciousness from the sensual world and focuss it on the real world that we see this Perfection here and now.

We desire to leave London for New York by boat, we leave the Port of London and sail across the ocean, London becomes a thing of the past, we are now in time-movement sequences, and New York is ahead of us in the future, here we have time-space-movement in operation. Now take an aeroplane, we soar up into the sky, sufficiently high to be able to see London, the ocean and New York simultaneously, we have conquered the time sequences and become conscious of the NOW. We have mastered the time sequences.

Since we can conquer the physical time sequences, surely we can do the same for the spiritual sequences of body, soul and spirit. They are already here and now within you. It would appear, however, that most students try to gain the Spirit without mastering the personality, but surely the process of self-realisation must take place simultaneously within the body, soul and spirit. They appear to you in the mortal body as being subject to space-time-movement sequences, but is this really so? No. The three-fold man is here and now, the body has the soul and Divine Spirit within it simultaneously here and now.

Therefore, if we strive for something, we

are looking outside of ourselves and if we seek for something then we are doing the same. The opposite is correct, we cease to strive and look for the Light and the senses are stilled and the Voice of Ourselves speaks to us in our own darkness, we hear it not outside of ourselves but within our own consciousness. There is no articulated voice which comes to us, it is a knowing which is above and beyond the intellectual speculations, it speaks to us within the human Soul. But mankind is far too busy seeking this Voice outside of themselves, therefore, their awareness is not focussed within, hence the reason, why they do not know.

Since we affirm that that which you seek is already here within you at this very moment of time, how can you know this fact? Firstly, you must stop striving for yourself outside of yourself, you must turn your whole attention inwards and upward to the Real Self, but still within your own nature. Secondly, you must avoid being pushed around by the time sequence, you must learn to use it consciously. Let us take ourselves, we have always before us many jobs to do, all demanding attention, and if we allowed the time factor to gain control then we would be so mixed up that none of the jobs would be done correctly. We have mastered this multiplicity of jobs by simply doing them as they present themselves, ignoring the others and devoting the whole of our energies to the job in front of us, we are often surprised at the amount of work we can get through in a day without being conscious of time.

Thirdly, you must learn to develop the power of concentration. You have to learn to focuss your WILL upon one job at a time, ignoring all the others, and when is one then take the next and so on. Once you have developed this art

of concentration you will find that you will accomplish far more each day. There is another factor which stops us from achieving our object and that is TOMORROW. We are mainly concerned with "tomorrow" and we become unduly concerned with tomorrow, but do you not realise that tomorrow never really comes? It is here and now, and if you can develop the art of thinking only of today and doing what you have to do today and doing it well, tomorrow takes care of itself without our worrying about it. Try this and you will be pleasantly surprised how different the normal chores of the day will become, they lose their tediousness and frustrations and create a day of success.

We rush to work in the morning, we worry about the coming day and at the same time about tomorrow. Learn not to worry about what you have to do, but do what you have to do in a rhythmic sequence and you will accomplish far more and you will be less tired at the end of the day. You will find that by worrying about tomorrow you will carry your anxiety into your leisure hours stopping you from enjoying your home, wife and children.

This same rule should be applied to your own personal development, since tomorrow never really come, then attainment and perfection never comes, why should it come tomorrow or in some Future? The future and tomorrow is already here and now, you must realise that this attainment is here and now within you, What you have to do is to realise it as a fact mentally and consistently and you will find that it will become a fact, but if you create in your mind the image that you will attain it in some future time, then you have become a slave to the time-space-movement sequences and will never attain. What you are doing is

limiting the time factor to the period of time in the future, you will find that you will have to wait for that time to come before you will attain. Surely you can see what you are doing?

It is logical that when you stop looking to the illusory future and concentrate upon the ever-present now you are not limiting yourself in any way, all you have to do is to realise your object is being fulfilled here and now. This same rule can be applied to your work in office, factory, shop, business, your relaxation at home or on holiday. Live for today and let tomorrow take care of itself and it will if you concentrate upon today.

We have found, that since we have realised this Rhythm of Life, age does not worry us, in fact we have not aged in 10 years, we have banished old age or the fear of becoming old, we are still young and full of life and energy as we were when we were twenty. It is true, we cannot stop the personality growing old, but why be foolish and hasten the aging process? This will happen if we become a slave to the time-space-movement sequences, but if we work with them we can and will slow down the wearing out of the body and live a far healthier and happier life, many of our functional diseases will disappear and the body and mind will retain its youthfulness even up to the time when we will be compelled to discard the mortal body. In the meantime let us live our human life to the full by developing a rhythm of life.

Richard, DUC de PALATINE.

SCIENCE AND THE ASTRAL BODY

Modern science and psychology have brushed

off the existence of the "astral body" is simply a delusion and hallucination due to acenesthesia or hysteria. They also claim that other occult or mystical experiences are only a few drops in the great ocean of superstition and supernatural belief which have their roots in the vagaries of psychological anomaly.

In psychology, the term acenesthesia has been given to designate the sensation of de-personalisation this being that the individual feels he has no material body, meaning of course when the "ego" has been transplanted to a location outside his material body. The man who becomes suddenly conscious of floating in the air, and who sees his material body lying on the bed of feeling the body may be injured, etc., all of which has been put down to a vivid dream.

We also know that scientists in the main are intellectually dishonest and they have been known to refuse to investigate any form of occult phenomena and yet at the same time brush it off as a delusion. One has only to read the reports concerning many famous mediums who allowed themselves to be "tested" by the scientists. It would appear that when a scientist comes up against a kind of phenomena which cannot be measured by the five senses or imperical methods of investigation, they either deny its existence or brush it off as being a delusion of the senses.

Scientists know that their science is ever changing as new ideas or facts are being brought to light. The advocate of mysticism, occultism or spiritualism will reject out of hand the psychological or scientific explanation that his experiences are autoscopic hallucinations born out of primitive superstition. It is dishonest for a man and a scholar at that, to decry

something which he himself has never honestly investigated with an unbiased mind. It is also a gross imputation against the millions of men and women who have experienced the separation of the astral or emotional body from the physical body, it is simply telling us all that we are bare-faced liars.

From the dawn of man's known history the knowledge of the astral double and the ability to project this out of the body has been demonstrated century after century. They would lump such men as Paracelsus, Swedenborg, Apollonius of Tyana, Jesus among those suffering from hysteria or incipient paranoia. They would consider Plotinus practising ekstasis as having hallucinations and being a gross deceiver. The lives of the above and many thousands more were all known to be above reproach, yet how many of the psychological scientists could boast of living the same pure and holy lives?

As we have said so often, the western man is fundamentally a "disbeliever" until he has been able to prove a thing for himself, so when he is confronted with stories of the "human double" and "out-of-the-body experiences" he frankly disbelieves the story teller. By what criterion can the average man judge these stories, more so if he himself has never experienced them? In fact the term "average man" is one of the greatest psychological hallucinations we have and yet it is bandied around the world as being a truth in itself. Take a hundred men from all walks of life and try and find the "normal man", obviously the "normal man" does not exist excepting in the mind of the psychological scientists.

The scientists admit that the reason why such "hallucinations" take the form they do is not

clear, yet they assume the position of judge and jury and give their limited judgment upon THAT which they have never really investigated.

Science is very fond of pointing the accusing finger at the Church and occultists for still clinging to prejudice and dogma, yet, let us ask, what department of science is free from prejudice and dogmas? - NONE. The human mind of man is always the twister and deceiver, admittedly there are deceivers in the metaphysical world and we are the first to admit the fact, but because there are frauds, it does not give us the right to condemn all metaphysicians as being bogus.

One professor of a Commonwealth University was heard to remark that any form of "materialisation" which took place in a seance room were either frauds or delusions and as far as he was concerned that was his opinion and he would stick to his guns. When challenged by the writer and asked if he had ever witnessed a "materialisation", he replied that he had not and had no wish to do so. This same professor was forced to admit to the writer, that he had no idea of what "life and health" was, since it was beyond the five senses. What a sorry state of affairs, here is a man who is responsible for the training of future psychologists and was forced to display his gross ignorance before the class.

In a certain city in Australia, a well-known medium submitted herself to a series of "tests" by a group of lay-men of which the writer was one. The series of materialisations were given under the strictest test conditions and no sign of deception or fraud was detected by any of the people present. The report was sent to the University for their opinion, no reply was received. The sequence to this was brought out at a Government

Levee when the individual concerned was heard to say that a number of "crack-pots" had sent him a report, and he could not be bothered to read it as he knew beforehand that it was the results of hallucination and they all should have their heads read.

We put it to you, if you had been there and had the opportunity of seeing the materialised form, examined it and found it SOLID and your five senses responded to it and heard the voices, could you be termed a person seeing things under hysteria? Certainly not, for the simple reason that your experience demonstrated to you that the materialisation did take place, but here is the catch, your explanation may differ from the others owing to your own knowledge and experience. Whereas our scientists give judgments upon things which they have never experienced.

We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs Muerig Morris here in London giving an address under a mild form of Illumination, yet we heard someone say, she is a very good actress and was obviously a fraud. The person was not at all concerned with the subject matter, he had obviously come to find a fraud and he found fraud in his own mind.

So it is with the scientists, they seek for fraud and they find the fraud, whereas the honest seeker for the Truth comes with an open mind and what he sees and hears he places against his own experience and knowledge and then comes to his own conclusions. It always puts us in mind of a Member of Parliament of a country outside of the theatre of war who was always telling the army what it should have done, although he himself was never in the army and was not in the position to be on the spot and see for himself.

Richard, DUC de PALATINE.

YOUR DIVINE SELF

Since the personality is subject to change and duration it must be born and then it must die. Therefore, you must look for something which is eternal. That something in you which is eternal is simply WE, your Divine and Immortal Soul. You know it, for we manifest and flood your consciousness with the blinding Light, as is shown in the story of St. Paul being blinded by the Light on the road to Damascus. The whole personality was paralysed and the Voice said: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" That could never be the physical man but the spiritual consciousness within, that Christ consciousness which you are ever seeking. When you really touch the hem of our garment, then you will know that you are in very truth a Divine God, that you have reached the end of your spiritual journey. Once having reached that stage you know without any hesitation that God and yourself are ONE.

That is the message which the Illuminati down through the ages have ever taught humanity, trying to teach them to look inwards and ever seek within, to purify their lower souls of their human failings so that the Divine Light may ever shine forth in the radiance of glory and beauty, until they stand with their hands outstretched blessing the world. "Come unto me ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Those who are illumined do, for they live not for themselves but they give their life for you, knowing that by giving their life for you they are giving their life to God. As God ever gives His Life for us we must ever do the same.

We must never seek to tell God how to run

His universe. We must be ever ready to listen, and to obey His instructions through those who are sent by Him, no matter what the personality may seem to you, no matter what the tabs the personality may have, whether it be a prince or a humble black man. Unless you have that inner consciousness developed within, then you will never see the Shining Light within, which ever burns within your own self, no matter how slightly, no matter how dimly that Light may shine. If you did not have that Light within you, you could not think, you could not live.

All we ask is simply this. Give oil to that lamp within, purified by human experience. Serve to others a purity of light, a loveliness, and a sense of duty to your brother man. Live and let live. Draw unto you others who are in need, for as you bring them to you to give them the balm of life and happiness so we, your Divine Immortal Soul, will come closer and closer until you have become an embodiment of the Divine Light.

Remember the Prodigal Son. Like you he had the Divine Consciousness growing, but proud and egotistical, said to the Father in Heaven "I've had enough of this heaven. Give me my portion that I may enter the world of form". You do likewise and as you descend down the various countries of your lower self you spend your energies, dissipating them constantly. You come to the end where your wealth, which your Father has given you, has been spent in wrong living. Then you begin to live in the sty of the lower world, unhappy, distressed, facing the elements of nature, without faith, without knowledge that there is any other thing. In the moment when there is the direst darkness of the Soul there flashes down our life, showing you the eternal pathway home.

Once you see our Light then you turn back towards your Father which art in heaven, moving through the experiences of the lower world stage by stage. You move up the spiral of Life until you come nearer and nearer to the hem of your own garment. As you see our prodigal self returning so we run, because we know that, that which we thought we had lost in now returning to be again united with Us. There we bring you that glorious cloak of your experience. We give it to you and we surround you with your experiences of the past. Then we give you the ring of the final wedding wherein you the lower self are shown as the bridegroom and are finally married to your Divinity, never again to go out but to become a Pillar of the God within you.

Then we share with you and we sacrifice ourselves for all time to give of our life, for you and I are no longer separate. For you and I are forever ONE in the last sacrament of the life of the Divine for the lower. We give you of the waters of life, which is the LIGHT. We give you of the meat of our substance that you may live of OURSELVES, for there is no separateness between us, YOU AND I.

You think there is separateness but there is not. For in our Father's Consciousness there is no male or female, for in our Father's Consciousness there is no great or small. In our Father's Consciousness there is no wealth, no princes, nor kings, nor presidents, nor bankers, nor priests or beggars; they are only applicable to the outer self. If a man be born to the palace, he has a right to the palace, if he is born to the beggar he has the right to be a beggar for they have earned it. Neither I as a Divine nor you as a human consciousness have any right to criticise; we are all in our right place. The Father has

meted out to us our worldly goods correctly and for this we should be thankful.

Finally the message we have to give you is simply this: we are your Divine and Immortal Soul, speaking through this personality which has lost its own identity, a personality which lives only for you. Only those who have been with us constantly know the sacrifice which has been made. That sacrifice must be made by you all, not one of you can escape it, each one of you must lose yourself in the Father. Each one of you must learn that if you try to live your life for yourself you will lose it. It is only when you live your life for God's sake that you shall gain the Divine Light. Thus you will manifest the glory of your Divine Inheritance.

You are a Divine and Immortal Soul, not a personality, try to remember that. We trust our words have stirred within you that inner consciousness, that you may reach inwards to hear your own Divine Self guiding and teaching and encouraging you, no matter how little. Whether you be over-shadowed, or whether you be lifted up into your Inner Self, or whether you manifest the power of the Divine Self speaking as a teacher, it matters little. They are all means to the end that our Father may teach you, for who is your Father but you living within the bosom of the Father?

"I and my Father are one even as you are one with Me". "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father." "If I be lifted up, I will lift all men up unto me." That is the message of the Illuminati down through the ages. Man is a divine being and his job and work is to become re-united with his Divine Consciousness. There he will manifest the Power of God and show to the world that they can be taught by the Sons of Light, not the wisdom

of the princes of this world but the power and light of God MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH.

Richard, DUC de PALATINE.

WORLD POLITICS AND THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

At the time this article is being written, men and women in every corner of the earth are agitated because of the crisis which is developing over the Status of the city of Berlin. Since the development of nuclear physics and the perverted use of the same for the manufacture of weapons of unthinkable mass destruction man holds in his unprepared hands such ungovernable power, that not even the most optimistic can avoid the thought that the disaster of a nuclear war may be just around the corner. For at least a decade and a half, humanity now has lived under the terrifying shadow of this menacing possibility, and the psychological effects of this unfortunate state of affairs are anything but negligible in character; in fact a good many sociologists and psychologists have stated that much of the delinquency, emotional instability and mental unrest in our civilisation can be directly traced to a general feeling of impermanence and fear which unconsciously is always present in the minds of people everywhere.

To the student of the hidden side of things, to the aspirant on the path of perfection this state of affairs is of special interest. Instead of becoming disturbed and terrified, the seekers for and the partakers of the Light realise that the times they live in are times of great challenge and of unique opportunities. Every situation in this world has two sides; an outer, exoteric, which is apparent to superficial observation and analysis, and an inner, or esoteric, which is

open only to the Gnostic or Knower. To the esotericist the present unsettled state of the world and the great actual and potential sufferings of humanity justly appear as causes for compassion and loving pity; such feelings as despair and hopelessness, however, are far from his mind and heart. For no matter how disastrous and menacing the conditions of the world may appear, the element of hope is never by any means absent; indeed it is within our own power to make hope more real and more effective. The menace is a material one; it involves the destructive power of material forces which may under certain conditions disastrously influence life upon this planet,--even to the extent of its partial extinction. But we know well, that matter is inert, and lacking in initiative unless it be moved and directed by consciousness. The element of human consciousness operative within the material situation is the only point of hope in our world today. Bombs are not triggered and rockets are not launched by themselves and without the direction and decision-making of human consciousness. Out of the heart and mind of man, like out of the legendary box of Pandora, can proceed peace and blessing, as well as death and misery into the world (It is true that in the legend only the ills come out of the box, but it is time that we realise that the story is in need of completion). There is hope, and it is resident within our own nature; nearer than breathing and closer than hands and feet. To concern ourselves with the discovery of this hope should obviously be our most imperative task.

Because we are outwardly in such peril we must do something with our inward nature to remove that peril. The outward evolution of man having proceeded at a faster rate than his inward unfoldment he is now faced with the desperate necessity of catching up spiritually with the

material Frankenstein-monsters of his own creation, which include nuclear physics and missile strategy. In this respect the present situation is as unique as it is dangerous. At any other time within the recorded history of mankind people could, if they wish, look upon the sacred science of Illumination as a sort of luxury which may be put off until some later and more convenient time in one's life. Today such an attitude would be manifest folly. The ancient Science of Holiness, the Divine Gnosis was always the only hope of the world; but never before appeared humanity in such desperate and immediate need of this hope.

One of the Princes of the Empire of Light (Master of the Wisdom) gave us the significant statement that the future of our conscious selfhood is "the future of a thing, whose growth and splendour have no limit". Is it not evident, nay, utterly and perfectly clear, that once this Divinity with all its power and splendour enters the human tabernacle of the personality and takes up its residence therein, the outer conditions surrounding the personality and the deeds performed by it will become successively altered and modified in accordance with the demands of the perfection of the Divine Being within? Nothing could be more evident than that once more and more humans are lifted into the "fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ" (Divinity) the world itself is bound to become Christed or anointed with the qualities of peace and love, and filled with the virtues and properties of Truth and Beauty. Only the increase of Light within the hearts of men and radiating out into the external world will finally force the darkness to recede. There is an old saying to the effect that it is far better to light a small light than to curse the darkness. And yet, that is exactly what most people do today; they curse the Americans, the Russians, the imper-

ialists, the capitalists and the Socialists: they parade in order to "ban the bomb" or in order to accomplish this or that change in the external conditions,--all the while not realising that they are merely stumbling around in the darkness, falling and hurting themselves again and again. How much easier and how much more sensible it would be to light the lamp of their human Soul on the flame of their own Divine Self and dispell the darkness which terrifies and distresses them! The Brotherhood of the Pleroma exists in order to bring about this increase in Light without which we are and always will be lost. As the practice of the outward science enabled us to change matter into energy, the practice of the inward science of Illumination will be productive of changes in our nature which will equal and surpass in importance those brought about by outward means in the world. There is a skill of the spirit just as there is a skill of the body and a skill of the mind. The acquiring of this spiritual skill is the purpose of all those who aspire to illumination; it is also the chief motivation of the studies and activities of the Pleroma. In this we are following the pattern of all the ancient schools of the Gnosis in history, who were always conscious of the needs of humanity and who always knew that these needs can only be satisfied if and when the Light of Illumination has been made to shine brightly in the world.

From time to time one encounters statements made by misinformed or malicious persons to the effect that many of the secret fraternities of esoteric students throughout history were really political in character and that they were engaged in subverting the existing political and economic order of their day. Nothing could be further removed from the truth than these assertions.

It is true that the worldly rulers and authorities in all countries and ages were again and again persuaded by the cunning and jealous religious hierarchies with vested interests to believe that the esoteric and mystical groups and schools were of an anarchistic and revolutionary nature. The kings of Persia were thus blinded by the Magian priests and were influenced to assassinate the great Prophet Mani, the Messenger of the Light, as well as his disciples: Diocletian persecuted the Manichaeans and Gnostics for similar reasons; and finally, all throughout the Middle Ages the Church made use of the sword and might of the Christian princes for the butchering of the Sons of Light, whom she called heretics and wizards. Even at the comparatively late date of the 18th century the Jesuits persuaded the bigoted and priest-ridden government of Bavaria to outlaw and suppress the Order of the Illuminati founded by Adam Weishaupt in 1776. The private quarrel of Pope Pius IX, with certain Italian masonic clubs at the time of the unification of Italy resulted in the suppression of Freemasonry in many countries where the governments were told by the Church that the Masonic Lodges were in reality dedicated to the subversion of all lawful order.

It is necessary once again to state emphatically and with full authority that the Secret Orders and Fraternities functioning under the guidance of the Empire of Light were not, are not and will not be concerned with politics, statecraft, economic or social revolution. Only a complete lack of understanding of the nature of the Empire of Light and of Its subsidiaries could lead anyone to suppose that they could be interested in the above mentioned matters for the simple reason that all of these things are in the nature of secondary results, rather than of primary causes.

The Messengers of Light and Their helpers are concerned with the causes of mankind's afflictions and not with the results which are derived from these causes. Madam Blavatsky was filled with compassion for the downtrodden and exploited masses of her day,-- but she did not waste her talents on utopian economic schemes or on the designs of a social revolution; rather she attacked all the ills of the world at their root and origin, by pointing to the mystic reality of the oneness of all souls in the state of their own Divinity, thus demonstrating the existence and imperative character of the true Universal Brotherhood with all its theoretical and practical consequences. In fact, far from being a revolutionary in the political sense, H.P. Blavatsky was a convinced monarchist, a loyal and devoted subject of the Czar, whose assassination by a band of anarchists she deplored and condemned in the sharpest terms.

Persons who aspire to the Life of the Spirit are always loyal citizens of their respective lawful governments, for they know that ultimately all authority is derived from the Divine, and the imperfections of human government and social order are the results of man's unenlightened state. This was the policy of all the Secret Schools of the Light throughout the ages, and this shall be our policy both individually and collectively. As in the past, so also in the present, there do appear voices accusing aspirants of the Light of disloyalty to their nations and governments. In the present state of world-tension it is only natural that people should be concerned about the problems of internal subversion existing within their lands. Exploiting this natural concern there are all sorts of cranks and assorted knaves and fools who seize upon various falsehoods and half-truths in order to call attention to themselves and impress gullible people. Thus for some years there have

appeared books and articles in the United States of America advancing the unheard-of claims to the effect that the Illuminati of Adam Weishaupt were in some manner a part of the Communist movement, which was initiated by Marx and Engels. That there was a period of no less than sixty-eight years separating the founding of these movements, (the Illuminati being the older of the two), and that Adam Weishaupt was dead and buried when Karl Marx proclaimed his Communist Manifesto does not face these gentlemen at all. Neither does it seem to impress them that Weishaupt was an occultist and Kabbalist, whose teachings were those of the most sublime spiritual philosophy, while Marx and Engels were rank atheists and materialists who would have discarded the teachings of the Illuminati as so much superstitious nonsense, had they been familiar with the same. The author of most of these ridiculous phantasies is a certain Dr. Emanuel M. Josephson who in turn had received most of his information (i.e., misinformation) from sources which go back to the Presidency of John Adams, when a hysterical clergyman, the Rev. Jedediah Morse of Charleston, South Carolina developed a number of asinine ideas concerning the Illuminati, and conducted a ridiculous campaign of slander against people whom he suspected of having had connections with the Order, notably against Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine. These outdated and repeatedly disproven puerilities are now being received and put forward as "anti-Communist" by persons who probably could not tell Das Kapital from Mother Goose because of their abject ignorance and utter lack of common sense.

As reported in an earlier issue of LUCIS some of our Rosicrucian Brethren are undergoing persecution in certain countries of Latin America because of their beliefs:- The Theosophical Society and similar bodies are not allowed to

function in any of the Soviet-dominated countries. The present writer has personally received reports from occultists, Theosophists and other students of the mysteries about their harassment in various Roman Catholic nations. The case of tyranny is the same the world over; it is rooted in the insecurity and fear of the tyrants who rule in the temporal or spiritual sense over their ignorant and enslaved peoples. The power of these elements is threatened even by small groups of sincere students who serve the Light and intend to transform the world by transforming themselves into the likeness of their own Divinity. That is why the devotees of the Sacred Science of Illumination were and are suspected and persecuted by the agents of Darkness. The servants of the Light are in very truth the salt of the earth, and the leaven by which the whole earth be leavened; no one is more conscious of this than the Brothers of the Shadow, the arch-enemies of the Light.

Let us be aware of the true nature of our endeavours. Once again we may be instructed by the example of the atom, as it appears in the science of physics. Like the atom, which has locked within its centre a tremendous reservoir of power; even so the human Soul has a centre, which is Divine and is a reservoir of Divine Light and Power. As the discovery of nuclear energy has changed the picture of physics and chemistry so will the discovery on our part of the resources of our own Divine nature change the picture of all human affairs. The world-problem is indeed nothing else but the individual problem; only the illumination of the individual can bring about the beneficial developments which are so much needed in the world today. As a great Teacher of Righteousness once stated, where two or three are gathered in pursuit of the attainment of their own effective Divinity (which is the meaning of "in

my Name"), the Divine Power is among them. Irrespective of its presence or lack of numerical strength, but supremely mindful of the unfolding Divinity in each and every individual member, the Brotherhood of the Pleroma may become a great force for the betterment of world-conditions. If we wish to change the world, let us begin with ourselves; for only thus will come to us - and to all mankind - that peace that passeth understanding and the power that maketh all things new!

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THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

Part II.

Nevertheless, the root idea that evil is born and generated by the ever increasing complications of the homogeneous material, which enters into form and differentiated more and more as that form becomes physically more perfect, has an esoteric side to it which seems to have never occurred to the modern pessimist. Its dead-letter aspect however, became the subject of speculation with every ancient thinking nation. Even in India the primitive thought, underlying the formula already cited, has been disfigured by Sectarianism, and has led to the ritualistic, purely dogmatic observances of the Hatha Yogis, in contradistinction to the philosophical Vedantic Raja Yoga. Pagan and Christian exoteric speculation, and even mediaeval monastic asceticism, have extracted all they could from the originally noble idea, and made it subservient to their narrow minded sectarian views. Their false conceptions of matter have led the Christians from the earliest day to identify woman with Evil and matter - notwithstanding the worship paid by the Roman Catholic Church to the Virgin.

But the latest application of the misunderstood Indian formula by the Pessimists in Germany is quite original, and rather unexpected, as we shall see. To draw any analogy between a highly metaphysical teaching, and Darwin's theory of physical evolution would, in itself, seem rather a hopeless task. The more so as the theory of natural selection does not preach any conceivable extermination of being, but, on the contrary, a continuous and ever increasing development of life. Nevertheless, German ingenuity has contrived, by means of scientific paradoxes and much sophistry to give it a semblance of philosophical truth. The old Indian tenet itself has not escaped litigation at the hands of modern pessimism. The happy discoverer of the theory, that the origin of evil dates from the protoplasmic Amoeba, which divided itself for procreation, and thus lost its immaculate homogeneity, has laid claim to the Aryan archaic formula in his new volume. While extolling its philosophy and the depth of ancient conceptions, he declares that it ought to be viewed "as the most profound truth precogitated and robbed by the ancient sages from modern thought".

It thus follows that the deeply religious Pantheism of the Hindu and Buddhist philosopher, and the occasional vagaries of the pessimistic materialist, are placed on the same level and identified by "modern thought". The impassable chasm between the two is ignored. It matters little, it seems, that the Pantheist, recognising no reality in the manifested Kosmos, and regarding it as a simple illusion of his senses, has to view his own existence also as only a bundle of illusions. When, therefore, he speaks of the means of escaping from the sufferings of objective life, his view of those sufferings, and his motive for putting an end to existence are entirely different from those of the pessimistic materialist. For him,

pain as well as sorrow are illusions, due to attachment to this life, and ignorance. Therefore he strives after eternal, changeless life, and absolute consciousness in the state of Nirvana; whereas the European pessimist, taking the "evils" of life as realities, aspires when he has the time to aspire after anything except those said mundane realities, to annihilation of "being", as he expresses it. For the philosopher there is but one real life. Nirvanic bliss, which is a state differing in kind, not in degree only, from that of any of the planes of consciousness in the manifested universe. The pessimist calls "Nirvana" superstition, and explains it as "cessation of life," "life for him beginning and ending on earth. The former ignores in his spiritual aspirations even the integral homogeneous unit, of which the German Pessimist now makes such capital. He knows of, and believes in only the direct cause of that unit, eternal and ever living because of ONE uncreated, or rather not evolved. Hence all his efforts are directed toward the speediest reunion possible with, and return to his pre-primordial condition, after his pilgrimage through this illusive series of visionary lives, with their unreal phantasmagoria of sensuous perceptions.

Such pantheism can be qualified as "pessimistic" only by a believer in a personal Providence; by one who contracts its negation of the reality of anything "created" - i.e., conditioned and limited - with his own blind and unphilosophical faith. The Oriental mind does not busy itself with extracting evil from every radical law and manifestation of life, and multiplying every phenomenal quantity by the units of every often imaginary evils: the Eastern Pantheist simply submits to the inevitable, and tries to blot out from his path in life as many "descents into

rebirth" as he can by avoiding the creation of new Karmic causes. The Buddhist philosopher knows that the duration of the series of lives of every human being - unless he reaches Nirvana "artificially" ('takes the kingdom of God by violence,' in Kabalistic parlance), is given, allegorically, in the forty-nine days passed by Gautama the Buddha under the Bo-tree. And the Hindu sage is aware, in his turn, that he has to light the first, and extinguish the forty-ninth fire before he reached his final deliverance. Knowing this, both sage and philosopher wait patiently for the natural hour of deliverance; whereas their unlucky copyist, the European Pessimist, is ever ready to commit, as to preach, suicide. Ignorant of the numberless heads of the hydra of existences he is incapable of feeling the same philosophical scorn of life as he does for death, and of, thereby, following the wise example given him by his Oriental brother.

Thus, philosophical pantheism is very different from modern pessimism. The first is based upon the correct understanding of the mysteries of being; the latter is in reality only one more system of evil added by unhealthy fancy to the already large sum of real social evils. In sober truth it is no philosophy, but simply a systematic slander of life and being; the bilious utterances of a dyspeptic or an incurable hypochondriac. No parallel can ever be attempted between the two systems of thought.

(To be continued)

H.P. Blavatsky.

'ILLUMINISM - Who and What? This first Edition was run-off in haste and as a consequence a number of slight errors have been overlooked. We do apologise for this. It is now being re-written into a new edition.

Richard, Duc de Palatine.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the booklet "Illuminism". I was astonished to read the background appertaining to the 'Pleroma' and it is of extreme interest to me. The contents should make our Members sit up and take notice and do everything they can to spread the good news regarding the Brotherhood. Please find £1 which is to be used towards the printing of this fine book and at the same time send me 6 more copies.

Mrs. Rose Gilbert, Worthing, Sussex.

Dear Sir:

I have found 'Illuminism' of great interest, being a former Mason and Rosicrucian, it does reveal the true facts concerning the Esoteric Tradition. Surely the cost of producing this booklet and the postage must be very high and the fact that it is given free, is in my humble opinion, far too generous. I feel that every Member should make a contribution towards the production costs. I am happy to enclose 10/- towards this.

Kenneth McKenzie, Edinburgh.
Scotland.

Dear Sir:

The information contained in the new booklet "Illuminism" reveals a very high standard of scholarship and reveals to the reader the authority of the Editor. It is frank and without the normal methods of attack, but at the same time it clearly shows that the author is a member of the Secret

Assemblies of Europe. I am very proud to be associated with the Pleroma. Good Luck.

Dr. Dennis Harrison, 33 .
Bristol, England.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

QUES: Over the past six months the papers and radio have been talking about the threat of 'Illuminism' to the welfare of the United States and stating that it is synonymous with International Communism. Could you explain this?

ANS: Ever since the formation of the Order of the Illuminati by Adam Weishaupt in 1776, the Jesuits of the Roman Church have used this bogey in order to create fear and tension in Europe and the United States. To take heed of such nonsense and obvious falsehoods is simply to fall for the tactics of the "Holy Office" of Rome.

The Roman Church has for the past 1600 years always set itself against any attempt to uplift the human race and she knows that she is fighting a losing battle against the increasing enlightenment of the people. So in order to stem the enlightenment, she is using the bogey of "Illuminism". Candid and factual research has long since exploded this bogey. We must remember that the Roman Church and Communism have the same ends in view, Communism seeks to enslave the world by political tyranny and the Roman Church by religious tyranny, the inference is perfectly obvious and one can never really defeat and finally destroy the evil of Communism by hysteria or by seeking scapegoats in order to hide

our own impotence to deal with this Evil.

There is an old saying to the effect that the more you take notice of your enemy, the greater the power you give him to disturb and cause you fear.

QUES: If there is a God of Love, why is it that He allows wars, catastrophes, famines, sickness and death?

ANS: God and Nature are identical. Nature is Good and Just and does not inflict pain or suffering upon its creatures, Nature ever seeks a balance for the gradual evolution of all creatures to their respective goals. Man has freewill either to work with the Divine Law or to work against it. Man, to gain happiness and peace, must obey the Divine Law in all things, on the other hand if man seeks to allow his animal passions, emotions and mind to have their way, then he will upset the fine balance in Nature and will create the conditions which will bring about those things about which you complain. Man is his own destroyer or builder and he has the freewill of choice, so do not blame God and Nature for your own mistakes and mismanagement of the Life of God entrusted to you.

QUES: It is obvious that the Editor manifests honesty of purpose, faith in his own Divine Nature, trust in the Divine Law and the patience to labour and attain the goal of Illumination. I have been studying for thirty years in various societies and yet am no nearer the goal than when I first started. Where have I gone wrong?

ANS: The reason for this apparent failure is entirely due to the majority of students wishing to labour for the Light under their own terms and not under the Laws which govern the Life of the Spirit, therefore, they are in conflict with their own Divine Nature. One must labour for the Light with an honesty of purpose, utter devotion to the Laws of the Spirit without any thought for themselves or what they think they want. One must lose all trace of the lower personality and think and act as a Divine Being. Do not blame the Law for your failure, but blame yourselves, stand aside from yourself and see where you have gone wrong and once you have found the cause, then work upon it.

QUES: Can a student for Illumination also be interested in Communism?

ANS: Emphatically, NO, NO, a thousand times NO! International Communism is synonymous with the Forces of Evil and Russia is its spearhead and all students must array themselves against this spreading evil. No student for Light can honestly associate themselves with any political party. Politics and Truth are in opposition to each other. Politics use selfish means to attain an object, whereas the Light uses unselfish methods to attain the fulfillment of the Divine Plan. Hear me when I say: THE PLEROMA or THE ILLUMINATI ARE IMPLACABLE ENEMIES OF ALL FORMS OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL and RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS WHICH SEEK TO ENSLAVE THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL PERSONALITY OF MAN TO THEIR EVIL SYSTEMS. It must not be forgotten that it was entirely due to the labours of the Secret Assemblies, including the Illuminati, that Europe owes its rapid advancement over

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they will lose in the long run. The appeals for financial help sent out by the societies are scornfully ignored, the people say: "I want everything, but why should I help them, I pay my money, so what more do they want? No, they are my servants". It is this attitude adopted by the majority of so-called Truth Seekers which has caused them to attain nothing, and because they have not opened themselves up and helped their society to the limit of their ability, they have gained nothing and then they retire frustrated.

This self-same attitude can be seen manifesting in the family, society, states, nations, etc., they are all out for what they can get, and be damned to the rest of the world. We notice this attitude, even in the Pleroma, the Leader gives 16 hours a day, seven days a week to this work, continually concerned about the payments of accounts, etc., and received no salary for it, but when he makes one of his rare appeals for help, all he receives in return for his unselfish labours is A STONEY SILENCE AND A BATCH OF RETIREMENTS.

We often wonder which god the people serve God and Humanity or money and self, no wonder the world is on the brink of another war.

Just look around you, see how many nations have been helped by other, that help being made possible by the toil and sweat of the peoples of the giver, and what do they receive in return? abuse, hatred, etc., Ask them to help the giving nation and all you will receive silence. It is to be wondered that the Lords of Darkness are polluting our very existence? This evil will move closer and closer until the Truth Seekers change their attitude from self-seeking to whole-hearted co-operation with one another. - John Martyn Baxter